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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on May 31, 2005, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated February 16, 2007 with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 03823529.3, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-152517 A, together with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 11-315574 A, together with a partial English language translation thereof;
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 5-079085 A, together with a partial English language translation thereof;
- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-348940 A, together with a partial English language translation thereof; and
- (5) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-132055 A, together with a partial English language translation thereof.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicant notes above-noted documents (2) – (5) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on May 31, 2005. Thus, copies of these documents, except the partial English language translations, are not provided herewith.

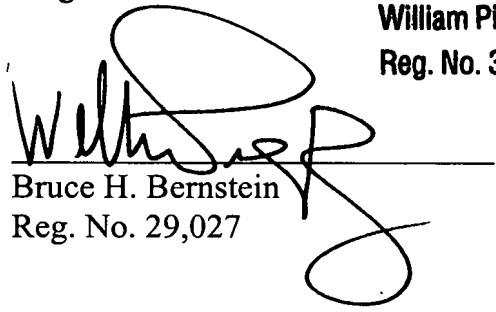
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of above-noted document (1), including the noted English language Abstract and the partial translation, and the partial English language translations of documents (2) – (5), are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of an English language translation of the Chinese Office Action is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next Office Action in the present application.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the issuance of an action on the merits. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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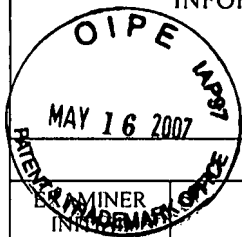
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